

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



TONI ATKINS
COUNCILMEMBER
THIRD DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 16, 2005

CONTACT: George Biagi

(619)236-6633 Fax:(619)595-1481

gbiagi@san-diego.gov

District Three Flagship Library Task Force To Discuss Future Of Proposed Project

Reevaluation Prompted By Elimination Of Deaf Community Services Center From Plan

SAN DIEGO -- Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins will facilitate a meeting of the District Three Flagship Library Task Force on Thursday, September 29, 2005. The task force will discuss changes to the proposal by Carter, Reese and Associates that had been selected as the preferred alternative for the library.

In 2004, the task force selected the proposal to construct a 25,000 square foot library on University Avenue between Idaho and Oregon streets in North Park as their official recommendation for the site of the new flagship library. The proposal called for a multi-level building that would integrate the library with the new home of Deaf Community Services, as well as housing and retail space.

In a significant change from the original proposal, Tom Carter of Carter Reese and Associates said that he will look for another site for the Deaf Community Center since he is eager to move that project forward, and the timeline for the library is uncertain at this point. Mr. Carter has indicated that he would still like to construct the library, but would include housing in place of the Deaf Community Center.

The District Three Flagship Library Task Force will discuss whether they will accept the revisions to the proposal and continue to work with Carter Reese and Associates, or whether they will choose another alternative. A second site that was considered but not selected would have placed the library on North Park Way at 31st Street. This site would have encompassed the former home of Drowsy Maggie's that stood at the southwest corner of University Avenue and 31st Street. In 2004, the task force voted 10-3 to accept this site as the back-up location for the flagship library should the Carter Reese development fail to materialize.

The meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the Balboa Park War Memorial Building at Park Boulevard and Zoo Drive. For more information, call Steve Hill in Deputy Mayor Atkins' office at 619/236-6633.